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U.S. Patent No. 4,083,421 to Van Horn et al.	April 11, 1978
U.S. Patent No. 5,813,488 to Weiss	September 29, 1998
DE 197 23 776 A1 - German	December 18, 1997
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U.S. Patent No. 5,813,488 corresponds to DE 197 23 776 A1.

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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